



Empire Sportsman

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PESTICIDES SPOIL FISHING

It's a good thing men gave up his canabalistic traits some time ago, because the average person in the U.S. today is carrying around enough DDT in his system to make him unfit for human consumption by Federal Food and Drug Administration standards. This was reported recently by the National Wild-Life Federation, with which the New York Conservation Council is associated.

Mulling over this rather ghoul-ish fact of life while trolling streamers this spring in Hamilton County's Blue Mountain Lake, I began to doubt whether I would eat a lake trout even if I caught one. For Blue Mountain Lake and the Fulton Chain are waters where fish have been found with high pesticide levels in their bodies.

We've come to a sad state of affairs when you suspect a fish from sparkling Adirondack lakes of carrying a little load of poison. Of course, the late Rachel Carson predicted this in her book SILENT SPRING, but she was called "some kind of nut" by agriculturists, industry spokesmen, and others.

These critics have been strangely silent themselves since 22,000 pounds of Lake Michigan coho salmon headed for U.S. dinner tables were confiscated and destroyed because of their high DDT content.

New York conservationists have been sensitive to the pesticides pollution problem for several years. The first reports were out of Lake George — lake trout were not reproducing and were found to have high DDT levels in their tissues. This brought about spraying restriction in that area — the Lake George fishery was deemed more important than black fly control.

Next came the Fulton Chain of Lakes noted as New York's "canoe country", and for high quality fishing. The Conservation Department inaugurated spraying restrictions in this region too. Now the word is out that surrounding lakes are affected, and concern is even spreading to the Finger Lakes. I've seen no facts or figures — they seem to be kept undercover. But I do know that the Conservation Department has quietly expanded its pesticide monitoring program to include more waters and more species of fish.

The problem is that DDT is a cheap, strong, and longlasting poison. When you have destructive insects to kill, then these qualities become advantages. DDT has removed malaria from some areas of the world, helped produce nearly perfect vegetables and fruits, given the old cow's tail an assist in switching flies from barns, and fogged the mosquitoes from cities and resorts.

If a little was good, more must be better. So we dumped uncounted tons of this poison into our environment. When resistant strains of insects developed, we found other powerful poisons in chlorinated hydrocarbon family — Dieldrin, Aldrin, Heptachlor, Lindane, Chlordane, Endrin, and Tox-

aphene. Early in the history of pesticides, song birds began to die. The poisons sometimes collected in waterways and fish were killed.

Like radioactivity, persistent pesticides "climb the food chain" building up in the bodies of predators — larger fish hawks, and man.

One answer is short-lived pesticides that break down into harmless products, such as Sevin. But habits die hard.

A news release reached my desk this morning quoting Clifford M. Hardin, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, upon release of a study his department requested. "The Committee's appraisal of the situation relating to persistent pesticides appears to be reasonable and balanced," said Hardin. "Its conclusions and recommendations imply some changes in Department programs that will require some additional time for full evaluation."

I disagree that the situation is "reasonable and balanced," and for those of us who troll streamers in Blue Mountain Lake, time has run out.

Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation to my relatives and friends for the cards, flowers, gifts and acts of kindness extended to me during my illness. A special thanks to my employees for the wonderful job they have done since I have been away from the office.

Rita Burns

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Friday night and Saturday morning rains left Woodhull track slick and mean, but racing drivers and fans fear little or nothing. However as the evening wore on — the mud won out and the rest of the entertainment was cancelled.

The Hooligans ran three Heats — the Sportsman's ran two. Here are the results:

Hooligan Class — 1st Heat — 1st, No. 19, Phil Bow; 2nd, No. 99, Joe Bacon; 3rd, No. PU, Bryce Taft. Second Heat — 1st, No. 62, Butch Gardner; 2nd, No. 8X, Howard Smith; 3rd, No. 21, Chuck Causar. Third Heat — 1st, No. 22, Bill Thompson; 2nd, No. 27, Steve Houghtaling; 3rd, No. 36, Monroe Puffer.

Sportsman Class — First Heat 1st, No. 15, Lew Gumm; 2nd No. 22, Howard Briggs; 3rd, No. 01, Keith Jordan. Second Heat — 1st, No. U2, Harley Wyatt; 2nd, No. 70 and 3rd No. 19.

We do not have the names of the drivers of No. 70 and 19. Searched back records without results. Will do better next time. — If there is a next time. I can hear the man say — "You're Fired!" So I'll join the rest — which way did you say the unemployment line was?

The Texan

Erie County Fair Opens August 15th

Everyone loves a parade — especially when its the most thrilling parade in the East — the gigantic "Fanfairnade" of the Erie County Fair, scheduled for Saturday, August 16th. This year marks a departure from the usual procedure in that the "Fanfairnade" does not take place on Opening Day. Because the Fair has been extended an extra day this year, starting Friday, August 15th, the parade has still been scheduled for the first Saturday so that out-of-towners will have the opportunity to participate. "\$4,200 in prize money will be awarded and organizations are invited to participate and compete for this prize money. Those interested should contact William L. Mullaney, Erie County Fairgrounds, 5600 McKinley Pkwy., Hamburg, N. Y. 14076 or call 649-3900.

The center of Hamburg Village will resemble a tremendous beehive as the "Fanfairnade" forms at 10:30 in the morning. The great procession of fantastically bedecked floats, colorfully costumed marchers and enthusiastically performing bands will wind its way through the town's streets to the fairgrounds, arriving in time to pass in review before the grand-

stand at 12:30 P. M. WHEN-TV will again televise one hour of the parade, in color for the first time this year. Featured will be Drum & Bugle Corps competition. Hosted by the Hamburg Kingsmen, out-of-town corps include the Toronto Ambassadors, the Geneva Appleknockers, the Warriors from Oshkosh, Wisconsin and the Hi-Riders from Arnprior, Ontario. The grand finale in the competition will take place at 7:30 Saturday evening at the "Serenade of the Drums" before the Grandstand. The "All-American" Judges will decide the winner.

Opening Day, Friday, August 15 will be Firemen's Day and demonstrations by volunteer companies will be featured in front of the Grandstand and the highlight will be the Annual Volunteer Firemen's parade at 6:30.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us at the time of our bereavement. A special thanks to Rev. Gerald Wolter for his comforting words.

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Area Boys Enjoy Week At Camp Gorton

Under the sponsorship of the Association For Retarded Children of Steuben County and leadership of Charles Roselli and Gerald Mullen the following boys enjoyed a camping outing at Camp Gorton July 13th to 20th: Bill Yergens, Warren French, Pat Mulhollen, David Gayhart and James Mullen.

While there the boys achieved a First in Camp Inspection one day and were second for two days; their weekly average was second, having missed by one point for first.

A Boy Scout Troop is being formed in Hornell by the Association For Retarded Children and anyone interested in this worthwhile project contact Gerald Mullen.

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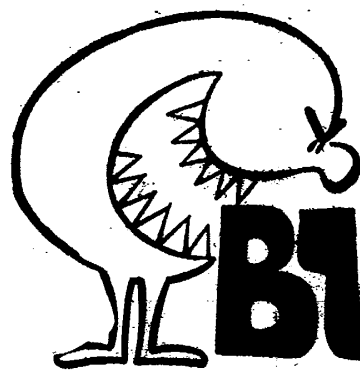
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